CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

ADOPTION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (RENEWAL OF NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0078662) AND CONSIDERATION OF TIME SCHEDULE ORDER

FOR

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT DEER CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EL DORADO COUNTY

The El Dorado Irrigation District (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Deer Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), a publicly owned treatment works (POTW). The Discharger provides sewerage service for the communities of Cameron Park and Motherlode and serves a population of approximately 20,000. The Facility discharges tertiary treated wastewater to Deer Creek, a water of the United States, and a tributary to the Cosumnes River within the San Joaquin River Basin.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider adoption of new Waste Discharge Requirements and renewal of the Discharger's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. The proposed permit includes new effluent limitations for ammonia, mercury, and zinc. The Discharger cannot immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for zinc. Therefore, a Time Schedule Order is proposed to provide time for compliance with the final effluent limitations for zinc.

A public hearing concerning the tentative Orders will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE:

4/5 December 2008

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Regional Water Quality Control Board

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The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Board
- El Dorado Irrigation District Representatives

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting a request in writing to the Board no

later than **19 November 2008**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than by 5:00 p.m. on **24 October 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **24 October 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the tentative Permit and Time Schedule Order should contact Ms. Elizabeth Thayer at (916) 464-4671 or ethayer@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

24 September 2008